

DMR Compliance During Flood Events

Wastewater Treatment Plants

Simplifying Compliance



The following information is to remind wastewater treatment plants of potential environmental responsibilities relating to proper Discharge Monitoring Reporting (DMR) during flood events. This content is focused on compliance with Kentucky Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (KPDES) requirements.

Should I Sample if My Plant is Flooded?

No, if your plant is flooded, then any sample would not be representative.

How to Properly Report

The KPDES program requires monitoring and data collection that is to be submitted on a Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) using NetDMR. If conditions prevent monitoring, it is acceptable to utilize a No Data Indicator Code (NODI) from the list in NetDMR.

What Code Do I Use?

The Division of Water, Surface Water Permit Branch, suggests systems follow these guidelines:

1. Select the “K” NODI code for the entire form, and
2. Type “Flood Disaster” in the comments field in NetDMR.

The NODI Code should only be used if a representative sample is not obtainable due to flooding conditions, i.e. plant flooded out, discharge pipe submerged, etc.

If the system is continuing to process and discharge, even with increased flows, the facility should continue to sample and report.



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